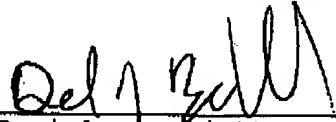


REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 17 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U. S. Patents 6,721,316 (Epps) and 6,529,478 (Schwartz). Notice of Appeal has been filed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the proposed amendment to claim 1 after final rejection in order to render claim 1 more definite and certain and to place it in better condition for appeal. No new matter is added. Note that the amendment to method claim 1 makes it more similar in wording to apparatus claim 11.

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